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HENRY CHAMBON DEAD

Taken Away Very Suddenly after His Return from Search for Health in Texas.

HIGHLY RESPECTED CITIZEN

Had Been in Business in Socorro Since 1883—Leaves a Wife and Four Children.

Henry Chambon is dead. It was at his home in this city last Saturday night at a few minutes after eleven o'clock that his soul passed from the scene of its earthly career. The announcement of Mr. Chambon's death occasioned no surprise in Socorro, for it had been generally known here for at least two days that the end was fast drawing near; nevertheless on every hand mingled with expressions of admiration for the man and sympathy for his family were heard expressions of genuine sorrow that he should have been taken away when so many years of a highly useful and honorable career seemed still to be in store for him.

Mr. Chambon came to Socorro in the fall of 1883. During all the years that followed until the time of his death he was engaged in the mercantile business here, and it is much to say of him that by means of economy, careful management, and the application of sound business principles his business grew from the smallest of beginnings to very generous proportions, and he established a credit that was absolutely beyond question. But aside from his business success Mr. Chambon won that which is of infinitely more value, the respect, the confidence, and the esteem of all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon from the family residence and the Catholic church under the auspices of Rio Grande Lodge No. 3 Knights of Pythias. The beautiful funeral services of the order were conducted at the grave in Socorro cemetery in the presence of a very large concourse of relatives, friends, and acquaintances who had assembled to pay a last sad tribute to the memory of the dead. During the hours that the funeral services were in progress all business was suspended in the city and business houses closed.

Henry Chambon was born October 20, 1850, at Chambonas, Canton des Vans, Ardeche, France. His parents were Andre Chambon and Victoire Pelet Chambon, both of whom died before the subject of this sketch left his native land. He was the seventh of ten children, five of whom survive him in widely separated parts of the world. Mr. Chambon came to the United States in 1872 and passed a few years in Pennsylvania and then in Colorado before coming to Socorro. On September 14, 1899, he was married to Miss Esther Campeon, an estimable young lady of excellent family well known in Socorro county. The widow and four children now mourn the loss of husband and father. Honor and peace to his memory.

Eastern Star Banquet.

A banquet was given Monday evening by the ladies of the Eastern Star in honor of the grand officers, Mrs. Mary Duncan of Socorro, grand matron of the order for New Mexico, and Mrs. Minnie H. Miller of Albuquerque, grand secretary. Owing to the inclement weather, the attendance was not nearly so large as it otherwise would have been. However, those who braved the elements were well repaid for their efforts, for the spread was delicious and the speech making good. W. H. Newcomb acted as toastmaster in his usual able and dignified manner, and those who responded were Mrs. Mary Duncan, Miss Koehler, Mrs. Warren, C. P. Laughlin, J. J. Kelly and W. C. Porterfield.—Silver City Enterprise.

Appointed Postmistress.

Miss May Crawford, daughter of Captain Jack Crawford, has been appointed postmistress at Mesilla Park.

MINE OPERATIONS RESUMED

Mines of the Magdalena District Again Active After Shut Down of Several Months.

A press dispatch of the middle of the week from Magdalena says:

"The Graphic mine resumed operations yesterday after a shut down of several months. Ore is being taken from what is known as the Waldo tunnel. The company hopes to resume shipping by the end of the month. Most of the ore will go to the smelters of Joplin, Mo., and Coffeyville, Kan.

"The Kelly mine has also resumed operation. The new work is being done on the main shaft and the manager hopes to make connection with the main ore body by the end of the month. The concentrator is being changed to suit the ore to be taken out, and will be set in operation as soon as practicable. The Kelly ore will go to the smelter at Canon City, Colo.

"Colorado Springs parties, who took a bonded lease on property adjoining the Hard Scrabble mine on January 8, are meeting with some very promising assays in making development work. Some of the ore taken out runs as high as \$186 in gold, silver and copper.

"The camp of Kelly is somewhat excited on the discovery of gold in several places on the western slope of the Magdalena mountains. For twenty-five years copper and silver were considered the predominating ores of the district. Then zinc became the ore most sought after. Now there is a possibility that the camp may become a gold producing one."

Resolutions of Condolence.

At a regular meeting of Rio Grande Lodge No. 3, K. of P., held on the evening of February 5, 1908, among other proceedings, the following were had:

Whereas, On the 1st day of February, 1908, at 11 o'clock p. m. our beloved and well tried brother, Henry Chambon, ceased to exist, laid aside his untarnished shield and sword of defense, and thus freed from the cares and tribulations of this life, has entered into that land where the tree of life stands green and the healing waters flow eternally from their fount, and where sickness, sorrow and tears can never come, and death has lost its sting; therefore, be it

Resolved, That as true Pythian Knights we deeply feel the great loss that his beloved wife and little ones have sustained, and commend them to the comforting care of him who trod the shores of Galilee; and be it further

Resolved, That the foregoing be published and a copy of same be given to the family of our deceased brother, and that they also be made to appear at large upon the minutes of our lodge.

SAMUEL C. MEEK,
MORRIS LOEWENSTEIN,
JOS. E. SMITH,
Committee.

J. W. Cox, an enterprising and prosperous stockman of the Datils, was in town Thursday on his way to Albuquerque. Mr. Cox is trying to secure the establishment of a new school district in his locality. He has no children to send to school, but his school tax last year amounted to over seventy dollars and the children of his neighborhood are so far from any school that it is impossible for them to attend. He thinks, therefore, that the neighborhood is entitled to school facilities, and he is not far from right about it.

The last issue of the Silver City Enterprise speaks of J. E. Coffey of Mogollon as "one of the lucky owners of the Top mine," and says that W. H. Herrick and E. M. Starr, surveyors of Socorro, have been engaged the past week in land surveying on the Ft. Bayard reservation."

Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Esther Chambon wishes to express, through the columns of The Chieftain her sincere appreciation and gratitude to her neighbors and friends who were so good to her at the time of the illness and death of her husband.

A BUNCH OF BOOSTERS

They Were in Albuquerque a Few Days ago and Hailed from Socorro County.

TALK FOR SOCORRO COUNTY.

The Albuquerque Evening Citizen Gives Them a Rich, Rare, and Racy Writeup.

The following story concerning a bunch of Socorro county boosters visiting in Albuquerque can not fail to be heartily appreciated where the boosters are well known. The story was contained in a recent issue of the Albuquerque citizen, as follows:

A crowd of men, none of them weighing less than 180 pounds, and some of them tipping the scales at 225, went down Gold avenue at 8 o'clock this morning, headed by Charles Chadwick, of the Chadwick Sheep Commission company, and making for the headquarters of the company at 111 Gold avenue.

"What is that—a football squad?" asked a pedestrian. "They are certainly a husky bunch."

"No," said a man who knew the party, "they don't belong to a regular football squad, but I guess they could go some at any game you might propose. They are a bunch of Socorro county boosters."

"You see the big fellow in front? Well, that is W. S. Fullerton, who with his brother has a large cattle and sheep ranch in western Socorro county."

"The second fellow, the little sawed-off fellow, who is about as broad as he is long, is Harry Crawford, son of Captain Jack Crawford, the poet scout. Harry used to be a conductor on the Hornet division of the Santa Fe, but advancement on the rails got too slow for him so he went into the ice and coal business. Now he has a trust on these two commodities in the city of San Marcial."

"The third fellow," said the man who knew, "that nice looking man, with the mustache and the checkered overcoat—he is E. H. Sweet, probate clerk of Socorro county, who quit railroad-ing a few years ago to go in for politics. He's a republican and not a bad sort of a fellow. The railroad boys say that they are going to run him for senator next year, and the railroad vote of San Marcial cuts as much ice in Socorro county elections as Harry Crawford's ice saw. Mr. Sweet is a Roosevelt Republican."

"The big man with the broad sombrero, with the classic features, is Dr. G. H. Bacon, physician for Howard Stackhouse, who owns and operates the large coal mines in the Carthage coal district of Socorro county. Dr. Bacon was a classmate of Dr. John R. Haynes, who has office rooms in the N. T. Armijo building on Central avenue."

"Dr. Bacon was on the ground at the explosion which recently occurred in the Bernal mine at Carthage. There were fifteen men in the mine at the time of the explosion. The last one to die was a native, who had seven fractures and lived sixteen days. The last thing the poor fellow said was 'Muchas gracias, doctor.'"

"That attenuated fellow, with the prominent brow and piercing black eyes, is B. W. Cruickshank, a son of the late Dr. Cruickshank of San Marcial. Mr. Cruickshank has been on a visit to his Mother at San Marcial. He recently resigned a responsible position with the El Paso-Southwestern at Carizozo, and is looking for a location."

"The fine looking elderly man with the long gray whiskers is Dr. C. F. Blackington, the pioneer physician of Socorro. Dr. Blackington was sheriff of Socorro county for more years than any other man in the history of the county. He's mining now, owning property considered of great value all over Socorro county. The doctor is just seeing the sights. He is probably the only man in New Mexico with the record of having been the successful candidate more years than one and he neither drinks nor smokes."

FOR NORTH AND SOUTH ROAD

Dr. F. A. Jones to Lead Expedition Through New Mexico to Durango, Colorado.

According to the Albuquerque Journal Dr. Fayette A. Jones, who is well known in Socorro, returned a few days ago from Denver, where he went to meet men interested in the long talked of railroad across western New Mexico from Durango, Col. A company has been incorporated to build this road, and Dr. Jones has been retained for one year to accompany the party making the preliminary survey in the capacity of expert geologist to test water, rock formations and other important features along the line. He has already joined the engineering party in El Paso. As projected the road is to run through western New Mexico, reaching the mining districts of Grant county, through Socorro and Valencia counties into McKinley and San Juan, tapping the San Juan county coal fields, thence on to Durango. The building of this line will mean the opening up of an enormous section of New Mexico which now has no railroad connection and which is only waiting for a railroad to equal in development the rapid advance of the eastern portion of the territory.

Pleasant Birthday Party.

Marguerite Sweet, the bright little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sweet, celebrated her tenth birthday Saturday afternoon by making thirty-six of her girl and boy friends happy from 2 to 5 o'clock. The principal event in the minds of the little tots at least were the refreshments which were served from a long low table extending the entire length of two rooms and tastefully decorated with Japanese napkins.

The edibles were just what the children desired. Many games were entered into with spirit and glee by Miss Marguerite's little guests. They brought her many pretty remembrances and, after wishing the charming young hostess numerous happy returns of the day, carried with them as souvenirs tiny Japanese lanterns. The guests present were Misses Alma Savage, Beulah and Margaret Bowman, Constance Smith, Marjorie and Ruth Dougherty, Inez and Elsie Kealer, Dorothy Bowman, Beulah and Sarah Herrick, Mariana, Harriet, and Ida Hall, Hazel Howell, Irene Smith, Clara and Ruth Bursum, Elizabeth Jones, Virginia Smiley, Dorothy Hill, Helen Pratt, Ruth and Ruby Newman, Alice Martin, Sadie Avery, Susan Fitch, Winifred Crater, Felipa Blackington, Rattie Courtney, Helen Gibbons, Alta Hoffman, Irene Vandusen. Masters Howard Lewis, Frank Bear, and Stanley Mayer by their diminutive manly presence lent dignity to the affair.

Probate Clerk E. H. Sweet, who accompanied Territorial Surveyor Vernon L. Sullivan to San Marcial a week ago, has been of much assistance in securing for this section territorial aid for the building of the new ditch to drain the town. Being familiar with the local conditions, Mr. Sweet was well able to present the claims of the district.—San Marcial Standard.

Hon. W. E. Martin and W. D. Newcomb returned this morning from Las Cruces. Mr. Martin went down on official business, but came home looking as though he had been on a long vacation and enjoyed it. He is much improved in health.

John R. Packard of Greenville, Pa., is in the city as guest of his cousin Dr. C. G. Duncan. Mr. Packard has traveled very extensively and is now spending the winter in the southwest, expecting to go to southern California from here.

H. A. Brachvogel came in from his ranch near Quemado yesterday and went down to El-mendorf this morning. Mr. Brachvogel promised to stop over a day in Socorro on his return.

Cashier E. L. Price of the Socorro State Bank is a business visitor in Albuquerque today.

GOOD FINANCIAL CONDITION

Traveling Auditor Charles V. Safford's Report for 1907 Makes Excellent Showing.

Traveling Auditor Charles V. Safford is closing up the tax rolls for the year ending December 31, 1907. He recently stated that the tax collections last year were most satisfactory, an average having been made over the entire territory of close to 85 per cent., exclusive of all delinquent, uncollectable, erroneous and double assessments. He estimates that the per cent of collections will be increased to at least 89 per cent.

Notwithstanding the recent money stringency and incident depression in business, Mr. Safford reports that the collection of taxes levied and assessed in 1907 and collectable this year has been remarkably large, attaining an average so far for the first six months of about 40 per cent. The second half of this tax will not become due until June.

"The territory was never in better financial condition than at the present time and the same can be said of nearly all of the counties," said Mr. Safford. He estimates that at the same rate of taxation as last year the territory will derive an additional revenue of \$60,000 owing to the increased valuation.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Temple No. 2, Pythian Sisters, has had formulated the following resolutions on the death of Henry Chambon:

Whereas, It has seemed good to a wise and beneficent Providence to deprive Sister Esther Chambon of the companionship of her beloved husband and exalt him from this His earthly temple to His more glorious temple on high; and

Whereas, We know that Mr. Chambon was endowed to an unusual and remarkable degree with those qualities which endear a man to his family and command for him the profound respect and admiration of all with whom he comes in contact in all the various relations of life; therefore, be it Resolved, By the officers and members of Temple No. 2, Pythian Sisters of New Mexico, that we hereby extend to Sister Chambon and all members of her family every condolence that the deepest sorrow and keenest sympathy with them in this the hour of their supreme bereavement can possibly afford; and, be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be embodied in the minutes of the proceedings of our Temple, that a copy of them be delivered to Sister Chambon, and that their publication be requested of the Socorro Chieftain in English and El Defensor del Pueblo in Spanish.

MYSCIE D. SMITH,
ELMIRA KATZENSTEIN,
FLORA LEWIS,
Committee.

Mrs. J. E. Ayers Stricken.

Mrs. J. E. Ayers of Hermosa was stricken with paralysis on Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Ayers, who keeps boarders, was found lying on the floor in an unconscious condition on the morning of the day above mentioned, and remained in that condition for several days. Dr. Given visited her on Sunday and found her somewhat improved. Mrs. Ayers suffers a complete paralysis of one side and her power of speech is badly affected. Mrs. Ayers is a sister of Mrs. P. J. Bennett of Globe, Arizona.—Sierra County Advocate.

Hot Water Well at Nutt.

A ranchman living near Nutt has drilled a well 350 feet deep in which he encountered a flow of hot water. A curious fact is that the range cattle are extremely fond of the hot water and will crowd each other to get the water from the end of the trough where the water is warmest.

W. S. Fullerton was in town Monday from the ranch in the Datils. Mr. Fullerton said that there were some localities becoming rather dry out in the western part of the county, but that the general condition of the ranges was good considering the slight amount of snow that has fallen this winter. He left the next morning for Albuquerque.

FOR ELECTRIC LIGHTS

But Little Doubt Now That Socorro Will Be Supplied in the Near Future.

ENTERPRISE WELL SUPPORTED

Return of Mayor Bursum Awaited to Learn Whether Other Project Is Still Alive.

There is now almost no doubt at all that Socorro will soon be supplied with a first class electric light and power plant.

Dr. E. L. Woods of Silver City was in town two days this week, canvassed the situation and found it satisfactory for his purpose, and submitted to several of the business men of the city a proposition which meets their general approval.

Dr. Woods has already installed several electric light and power plants in the west and southwest, one of the latest being that at Silver City.

It has been thought best, however, to await the return of Mayor Bursum from Washington to learn if a like project which he recently had in hand is still alive. Several business men promised to give that project their support.

If Doctor Woods' proposition is accepted, he says that it will be but a very short time until the plant is installed and in operation.

Socorro will soon be lighted with electricity and will then have taken a step along with the procession that has already been too long delayed.

THE BANK OF MAGDALENA

Its Statement Just Published in the Chieftain Shows Its Condition to Be Excellent.

The Chieftain has just published the annual statement of the condition of the Bank of Magdalena issued at the close of business January 6, 1908. The statement shows the bank to be in excellent condition and doing a good and legitimate business. Until recently there had been no bank in Socorro county for several years and even local capitalists contended that such an institution was not warranted by conditions. The Bank of Magdalena has shown conclusively that the local capitalists were mistaken, and the officials and stockholders of that flourishing institution are to be congratulated on their success in doing so.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mrs. C. G. Duncan has been making a tour of the southern part of the territory this week visiting the chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star at San Marcial, Las Cruces, Leming and Silver City in her capacity as Worthy Grand Matron of New Mexico. Mrs. Duncan returned home this morning.

J. J. Leeson went up to Magdalena last Saturday and returned home Monday morning. He reports much livelier times up on the hill than have prevailed there for some time past.